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A four-man subcommittee to draft legislation aimed at improving particular aspects of Montana water law was appointed at the close of the third annual Water Resources Conference sponsored by the Law School at Montana State University, A. W. Stone, associate professor of law and conference director, announced Monday.

Members of the subcommittee are Ralph Anderson, Helena attorney; Prof. O. W. Monson of Montana State College, Bozeman; Dr. S. L. Groff of the Montana School of Mines, Butte, and Prof. Stone.

The committee will give attention to those aspects of water law that have to do with filing for the acquisition of water rights, obtaining records of past appropriations, changing the burden of proving intent to abandon in certain cases, and securing more information for the Bureau of Mines and Geology in connection with underground water.

The conference met Friday and Saturday at the University to consider means of improving Montana water law. The work of the conference was carried on by members of the State Engineer's office; faculty members from MSC, the School of Mines, and MSU; representatives of the U. S. Geological Survey; ranchers, judges, attorneys, and engineers.

The conference formally expressed its appreciation of the State Engineer's county-by-county survey of the water resources of the state. Prof. Monson introduced a resolution, which carried unanimously, commending the State Engineer's Office for this work.

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